

Albany, GA. - Grace Hunt, a senior at Crisp Academy is the winner of the 2004 Congressional Art Competition in Georgia's Second District, U.S. Representative Sanford Bishop announced today Friday May 7th. The winning entry, entitled "Cousins" will be displayed for one year at the U.S. Capitol, along with the winning entries from other Congressional districts across the country.

The competition for high school students—entitled "An Artistic Discovery"—is sponsored nationally by the Congressional Arts Caucus, a coalition of members of Congress who support the arts. Representative Bishop, a member of the caucus, is one of several hundred House members who annually sponsor the art competition in their districts. This year, 46 works of art were submitted by students from 14 high schools in Georgia's Second District.

They are: Crisp Academy, Americus High School, Monroe High School, Turner County High School, Albany High School, Deerfield-Windsor School, Tiftarea Academy, Tift County High School, Columbus High School, Carver High School, Hardaway High, Jordan High School, Cairo High School and Brookwood School

In addition to the winning entry, "Nighttime Bliss" by Carrie Skalla from Deerfield Windsor School received second place recognition, "Jim Morrison" by Micki Williams of Deerfield Windsor came in third. "Bella" also by Grace Hunt, "Confined to my Prison" by Jessica Thompson from Albany High School and "The Fifth of War" by Spencer Duncan Young of Tift Co. High School received honorable mentions.

The winning artwork will be flown to Washington, D.C., where it will be placed in an exhibit with other district winning entries in a corridor that links the U.S. House office buildings with the U.S. Capitol. Congressman Bishop said, "My colleagues and I—as well as the thousands of Capitol visitors this year—will undoubtedly enjoy Miss Hunt's painting. Her artwork is a worthy representation of the artistic talent in Southwest Georgia. She should be proud of her accomplishment."

The national exhibit will officially open on July 13.